



**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**

News Release

For Immediate Release

TO: News Directors, Assignment Editors, and Editors

Synopsis: Corps establishes alcohol-free areas at Canton and Fort Supply Lakes

News Release No. 97-03

April 4, 1997

Corps of Engineers designates alcohol-free areas at two western Oklahoma lakes

TULSA, Okla. -- Beginning April 15, 1997, two public recreation areas at Corps of Engineers lakes in western Oklahoma -- Canton Lake and Fort Supply Lake -- will be designated alcohol-free areas, the Tulsa District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced today.

Beverages containing alcohol will be prohibited in two areas -- Sandy Cove Beach at Canton Lake and Big Beach at Fort Supply Lake. The corps will post signs in the areas notifying the public of the new alcohol-free designation. Corps of Engineers rangers will strongly enforce the prohibition. Violators will be subject to a \$75 fine and repeat violators will be handled through the court system.

Continued complaints from concerned families and individuals about large drunken unruly crowds, underage drinking, littering and vandalism prompted the action. Excluding the use of alcoholic beverages in these areas will reduce the risk of injury or drowning as well as greatly improve driving safety on the roads in and around the areas.

During the last 10 years, the "alcohol-free" program has been implemented at over 25 beaches in the Tulsa District.

--30--